Promotion of Physical education in the country

*429. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to promote physical education in the country;

(b) whether Government are also making any efforts to fill up the posts of physical education teachers lying vacant in different schools and colleges in Delhi and in States, as a part of Government's programme to promote physical education; and

(c) what is the number of posts of physical education teachers recently filled up in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education, 1986 recognises that Sports and Physical Education are an integral part of learning process. For school stage NCERT has prepared curriculum frame-work which accords due importance to physical education.

School education is primarily looked after by the State Governments. Graduate and Post Graduate education is looked after by the universities which are autonomous institutions. Central Government does not sanction or fill up posts of physical education teachers in educational institutions.

In the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, NDMC and Delhi Administration schools, 2059 posts of physical education teachers are filled up against the sanctioned strength of 2220. For colleges in Delhi, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demand for representation of vessel owners' Association in Port Trusts

*430. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 2.5 million people in the country are dependent on small sailing vessels operating from minor and major ports;

(b) if so, the reasons for which their Association, known as 'All India Sailing Vessel Owners Industries Association', with Head quarters at Portbunder (Gujarat) is not represented on the Board of Trustees of various Ports; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to update their vessels for strengthening the trade activities undertaken by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of people dependent on small sailing vessels operating from minor and major ports has not been estimated.

(b) An association by name 'Federation of All India Sailing Vessels Industry Association' is in existence. The Tuticorin Sailing Vessels Owners' Association is represented on the Tuticorin Port Trust Board. As the principal users of Major Ports are not sailing vessels, it has not been found necessary to give this interest representation in other Port Trust Boards.

(c) Director General, Shipping, holds discussions with the sailing vessels' interests, on various issues from time to time. A soft loan scheme was in vague till 1986 and it has been proposed to revise it into an interest subsidy scheme.

औषधियों की खरीद में भ्रष्टाचार

*431. श्री अर्जुन जोशी :
लाल धूलिया :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

क) को संसद सदस्यों से दवाइयों की खरीद में किए जा रहे करोड़ों

रुपये के भ्रष्टाचार के सम्बन्ध में कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है ; यदि हां, तो उस पर की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि प्राक्कलन समिति द्वारा बार-बार निदेश दिए जाने पर भी अनेकों साधारण दवाइयों की खरीद प्रचलित व जार मूल्यों से बहुत ज्यादा मूल्यों पर तथा कम साख वाली फर्मों से की जा रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : (क) और (ख) औषधों की खरीद के बारे में एक शिकायत प्राप्त हुई थी । इस मामले की जांच की जा रही है।

Demand for bringing the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan under the jurisdiction of central Administrative Tribunal

*432. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have not yet been brought under the jurisdiction of Central Administrative Tribunal;

(b) if so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has bee demanding the same; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan being a Society under the Societies Registration Act does not automatically come under the jurisdiction of the Central Administrative Tribunal. Section 14(2) of the Central Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, empowers the Central Government to issue a notification for bringing the corporation/societies owned or controlled by the Government of India within the jurisdiction of Central Administrative Tribunal in regard to service matters of the employees of such bodies. No such general notification has been issued so far.

(c) and (d) There is no such representation or memorandum available on the records of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Literacy rate among females in rural areas

*433. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the literacy rate among females in rural areas of the country;

(b) what steps are being taken to improve the literacy among them: and

(c) what is the target date to achieve total literacy among them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER):

(a) A Statement showing the Statewise rural female literacy rate in the country is enclosed (*see* below).

(b) The following steps have been taken for improving the female literacy position in the country:

(i) Mobilisation of women adult learners for the Adult Education Centres in larger number;

(ii) Appointment of large number of women instructors even by relaxing the minimum qualifications;

(iii) Making arrangement for Continuing Education of such instructors so that they are equipped as good and competent instructors;

(iv) Substantial women's participation under the Mass Programme of Functional Literacy;